

## DEVELOPPEMENT STATUS OF ARGOS INSTRUMENTS

**NOAA-L :** Argos-2 instrument ready for launch.

**NOAA-M-N :** Argos-2 instruments delivered to NOAA for integration.

**METOP :** Argos-3 (A-DCS) instruments under development since September 1998.  
Simplified EM delivery to Eumetsat : May 2000  
EM<sup>(\*)</sup> delivery to Eumetsat : November 2000  
FM 2<sup>(\*\*)</sup> delivery to Eumetsat : November 2001.  
FM 3-4 delivery to Eumetsat : TBD in 2002/2003.

Integration of the A-DCS on METOP is defined by an approved Interface Control Document.

**NOAA-N' :** PFM<sup>(\*)</sup> delivery to NOAA : April 2001

Integration of the A-DCS on NOAA-N' is being formalized by the UIIS.

**ADEOS-II :** The NASDA/CNES Argos-Next instrument (Argos-2 plus downlink messaging capability) is installed on ADEOS-II. Thermal vacuum at satellite level is completed. Mechanical environmental tests are in progress.

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<sup>(\*)</sup>Due to unexpected difficulties with the demodulation software, these two instruments will have provisional version of the software. Final version will be loaded later in the project.

<sup>(\*\*)</sup>First "full" model.